



COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the remote Zoom meeting held on Thursday 18th. June 2020 at 7pm

Present: John Gili-Ross (Chairman), R. Johnstone (Vice-Chairman), Chris Stevenson, Peter Byrne, John Lindsay, Peter Harry, Roger Mannion Simon Dougherty, Robert Needham, Laura Chase CBC, Jo Beighton Emms, Peter from Gt. Bentley, Joanna Peterson, Lance Williams, Alan Frost, Dan Jordan, Allan Walker, Karen Thompson, Elizabeth Nelson Hayes, Andrea Luxford Vaughan. Alan Lindsay & Ian Turner ECC. Petra Palfreyman

The meeting was recorded. The link to listen is audio_only.zip (file://DESKTOP-9HOF6LB/Users/Town%20Clerk/Documents/Zoom/2020-06-18%2019.04.18%20Petra%20Palfreyman's%20Personal%20Meeting%20Room%209871445358/audio_only.zip)

To receive apologies: Cllr Stephen Scrase Wakes Colne,

1. To receive
 - a) The resignation of Kevin B. Money Secretary/Treasurer of CALC
JGR offered a vote of thanks to Kevin for his long-term service and dedication to CALC.
 - b) To confirm the appointment of Petra Palfreyman as new CALC Secretary/Treasurer
JGR proposed Petra Palfreyman: Robert Johnstone seconded
All Agreed to the new appointment.
2. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th. December 2019
All Agreed
3. Meeting Topics and Guest Speakers
A120 / A133 Link Road & Rapid Transport Scheme – Alan Lindsay ECC
Alan Lindsay informed the meeting on the A120 / A133 Link Road & Rapid Transport Scheme

Alan also supplied 3 links that may be of importance to members. They are:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/highway-schemes/a120-a133-link-and-rapid-transit.aspx>

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiO0vyqgY7qAhXbMMAKHZyCBN8QFjAAeqQIBBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fbraintree.objective.co.uk%2Fportal%2Fnea%2Fs1tech%2Fnorth_essex_rapid_transit_system_from_vision_to_delivery%3FpointId%3D1565194953438%26do%3Dview&usq=AOvVaw2ByFPL63retTioTsTJdqtX

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiAj8G8gY7qAhUcQEEAHVIQDuQQFjAAeqQIAxAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.braintree.gov.uk%2Fdownloads%2Ffile%2F6510%2Fnorth_essex_garden_communities_-_movement_access_study_may_2017&usq=AOvVaw0kkvqzi-kPkCIGYvoqwg6iP

Ian Turner slide presentation can be found at the link below and on CALC website

<https://e-voice.org.uk/calc/minutes-2/2020/>

Alan and Ian then took numerous questions from attendees in regard to timescales, cycle and footway considerations and start and stop points (Park and Choose)

JGR thanked Alan Lindsay and Ian Turner who then left the meeting

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Presentation - Local Plan Garden Community decisions - impact on the Borough housing fulfilment. Laura Chase CBC informed the meeting on Planning & Housing in the CBC area.

The North Essex Authorities (NEAs) Section 1 Local Plan, which contains strategic policies for Braintree, Colchester and Tendring including proposals for 3 Garden Communities was submitted for examination in October 2017 and has been through a series of examination hearings. Following a final set of hearings in January, the NEAs received a letter from the Inspector on May 15th with his views on the soundness of the Garden Communities. The Inspector concluded that two of the three proposed Garden Communities (the Colchester/Braintree Borders Garden Community and West of Braintree Garden Community) are either not viable or deliverable and therefore the Section 1 Local Plan, in its current form, is not sound.

The Inspector however agreed that the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community is viable and deliverable and the housing and revised employment targets in the Local Plan are also sound, including the requirement of 920 homes a year in Colchester.

The Inspector has given the North Essex Authorities two options for how to proceed:

- 1) remove the Colchester Braintree Borders and West of Braintree Garden Communities from the Local Plan and consult the public on this and other necessary 'modifications';
- 2) or withdraw the plan and start again. If Members from all three authorities in meetings scheduled for July agree to proceed with the Main Modifications option, the next stage would then be for the Councils to publish the modifications for six-weeks consultation.

Consultants LUC are preparing an update to both the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) to assess the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the Section 1 Local Plan with the Inspector's recommended modifications and these documents will be published for consultation alongside the modifications. Any comments received will be submitted to the Inspector for his consideration before coming to a final decision on whether or not the Section 1 Plan, with those modifications, is sound and can be formally adopted.

In the meantime, Officers will continue work to prepare for the examination of the Section 2 Local Plan containing detailed policies and allocations for Colchester and the preparation of the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community DPD. Section 2 of the Local Plan contains allocations, which when combined with delivery figures for the first part of the 2013-2033 plan period give the Council a significant oversupply figure. This means that it is not considered that there is a need to revisit the housing strategy or to allocate any additional sites in Section 2.

Laura then took questions from attendees

JGR thanked Laura for her informative information. Laura then left the meeting.

4. To receive reports: ▼

- a) Treasurer' report including Invoice from Kevin B. Money for £436.00p for March and June 2020. All Agreed.

Kevin informed the meeting that the subscription letter and Invoice will be sent out to Councils over the next month. The annual subscription was agreed to be kept at £35pa.

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b) Local Highways Panel – Meeting outcomes from 19th June 2020
Meeting last week. Roger Mannion and JGR attend.

- Situation with Colchester High Street restricting traffic flow is underway.
- All funding for this year has been allocated in line with earlier meeting agreements.
- Additional earmarked schemes will be reconsidered if funding becomes available during the remainder of the year
- Nothing significant was on the list requiring immediate decision.
- ECC Rangers have now been transferred to CBC
- West Mersea and West Bergholt are on the ECC Highways devolution scheme
- LHP is currently operating well

c) Governance Board – Appointment of CALC board members
JGR proposed Chris Stevenson: RJ seconded. All Agreed

Petra to notify CBC of the new representative

d) EALC Executive – To appointment a replacement for Allan Walker (retiring)
JGR proposed Roger Mannion. RJ seconded. All Agreed

Petra to notify EALC of the new representative.

EALC meetings are being held via a reduced exec member process whilst COVID -19 conditions are in place. These meeting largely concentrate on finances of the association. Significant income comes from training courses which are currently curtailed. Planning is in place and trials carried out to hold training Webinars which appear to be successful. A Clerks and Chairman's forum has successfully taken place using a reduced training program presented as a webinar.

e) JGR asked the meeting if members agree to JGR remaining as Chairman until Petra has settled into her position. All Agreed

5. Information Sharing

It has been reported that S106 monies relating to planning developments within villages and towns has been diverted to other projects by CBC. This includes spending S106 money from one village and transferring it to another village without consultation or approval from either the Parish Council or the Ward Councillors. JGR advised the meeting to keep a close eye on their S106 monies

Date of next scheduled meetings:

Thursday 27th. August 2020 7pm

Thursday 3rd. December 2020 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

27th. August 2020